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TAGS: PINS, DE, IS, FR

SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACK AT ORLY

REF: STATE 12848

1. WIRE SERVICES AND RADIO REPORT THREE HOSTAGES--A MAN, A WOMAN, AND A CHILD--ARE BEING HELD BY TERRORISTS AT ORLY. HOWEVER, PREFECT OF ORLY REGION WHEN INTERVIEWED ON RADIO ONLY A FEW MINUTES AGO INDICATED AUTHORITIES ARE NOT ABSOLUTELY SURE AS TO NUMBER OF HOSTAGES. NO INFO WHATEVER HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AS TO IDENTITY OR NATIONALITY OF HOSTAGES IF INDEED THIS IS KNOWN.

2. TERRORITSTS ARE HOLED UP WITH HOSTAGES IN TOILET ON SECOND FLOOR (DEPARTURE LEVEL) OF ORLY-SOUTH TERMINAL. THE TWO TERRORISTS HAVE REPORTEDLY ASKED THAT A BOEING BE PLACED AT THEIR DISPOSAL FOR ESCAPE. WIRE SERVICES REPORT TERRORISTS CLAIM TO BE MEMBERS OF GROUP CALLED "MOHAMMED BOUDIA COMMAND."

3. PLO REP IN PARIS, INTERVIEWED ON RADIO, DENIED ANY PLO INVOLVEMENT IN ATTACK.

4. INTERIOR MINISTER PONIATOWSKI IS AT ORLY HELPING DIRECT
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OPERATIONS.

5. WE HAVE JUST SUCCEEDED IN CONTACTING BY TELEPHONE GEN. WALTER, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF SECURITY AT SGAC AND WHO WAS HIMSELF IN TOUCH WITH POLICE AT ORLY ONLY A FEW MINUTES EARIER. HE CONFIRMED THAT POLICE HAVE NO INFO ON HOSTAGES AND NOT EVEN THEIR EXACT NUMBER. AT LEAST ONE CHILD IS KNOWN TO BE AMONG THEM AND IT IS POSSIBLE THOUGH NOT CERTAIN THAT THERE COULD BE A SECOND CHILD. HE SAID THAT AUTHORITIES ARE ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE WITH TERRORISTS TO TRY TO GET THEM TO ANOTHER AREA.

6. GEN. WALTER IS ALERTED TO OUR DESIRE LEARN SOONEST IF ANY OF HOSTAGES IS AMERICAN AND PROMISED NOTIFY US IF AND WHEN THERE WAS ANYTHING TO REPORT. HE SAID THAT NEWS REPORTING FROM ORLY WAS RAPID AND PRECISE, HOWEVER, AND WE WOULD PROBABLY GET INFO ON HOSTAGES BY RADIO OR WIRE SERVICE FASTER THAN HE COULD COMMUNICATE IT TO US.
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